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Miller & Rhoads

White Goods 1/2 Price!

Even less than half price in many cases. Several thousand yards at the lowest prices of the summer for pretty Wash Goods.

Lot 1.	Lot 3.	Lot 5.
10c to 15c Ginghams,	25c Dotted Swiss Applique	25c Linen Suitings now
5c Yard.	10c Yard.	12 1/2c Yard.
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10c and 12 1/2c Lawn,	25c French Ginghams,	39c Linen Suitings now
6c Yard.	12 1/2c Yard.	19c Yard.

CAUGHT BOY STEALING
FROM POST-OFFICE BOXJohn W. Donly Arrested in Lobby
Just After He Had Rifled
Letter.

MINISTER GOES ON HIS BOND

Following Series of Complaints,
Officials Had Set Watch for
Thieves.

Caught red-handed with the strong evidence of guilt, John W. Donly, a young white man, was arrested in the United States post-office here yesterday morning on a charge of robbing the mails, and was later hauled in the sum of \$250 for his appearance before the federal grand jury on October 6th.

Donly, who is only twenty years of age, and who is well connected, gave as his excuse for taking letters from a post-office box, as charged in the warrant, that he was out of work but pleaded for mercy, and declared that if let off he would never again commit a similar crime.

Set Watch for Thieves.
Stealing of this character has become so frequent in the post-office recently that Postmaster Cabell and his assistants have determined, if possible, to break it up, and they are of opinion that they have landed one of a gang of organized thieves, who make a practice of taking letters from lock-boxes, often left open carelessly, unconsciously by persons who rent them.

It happens every day that keys are left in the lock, and they are frequently taken into the postmaster's office by the janitor, where they are kept until called for. It seems that some of the keys were taken by Donly, and he was caught in the act of rifling the boxes.

Found Him with Letters.
Meanwhile Mr. Redwood rushed to the postmaster's office and reported the matter to his chief. Mr. Cabell came down and found Donly looking over the letters, and took him into his private office. Donly appeared very penitent, and declared that if released he would never again commit a similar crime.

LIVE DAY IN COURT

Justice John Deane with the usual crowd of offenders.
Henry Lawrence, charged with stealing a trunk from R. Messenger, a gentleman from the country, appeared in Police Court yesterday morning, but owing to the absence of several important witnesses, the case was postponed.

Anna Gwathmey, colored, accused of stealing three dollars, a camera and a lamp, the property of Maggie Gwathmey, was dismissed on the payment of costs.

Leonard Harold had Oscar Johnson arrested for assaulting him. Oscar was dismissed, and Leonard had to pay the costs.

William Hill, charged with stealing a bag of catenulopes from the Second Market, couldn't give security for six months, and was committed to the city.

G. W. Childers and H. H. Hodeman, both white, were assessed \$250 and cost in the Police Court yesterday morning for fighting on the street.

Adolphus Byrd, colored, who sold fish too loud early Wednesday morning, was fined \$5. The justice also ruled that when two or more men are working for a licensed peddler's cart they must stay on the same block.

FOR BETTER ROADS

Citizens of Henrico to Discuss Matter at Court House To-morrow.

Hen. Charles W. Throckmorton, member of the House of Delegates from Henrico, who has started a good roads movement in that county, and who circulated a petition for a mass-meeting to be held at the courthouse to-morrow noon to consider the proposition, feels absolutely certain of success.

The required number to call such a meeting is fifty freeholders, and far more than that number have already signed. Mr. Throckmorton and his friends expect that before to-morrow they will have more than double the number of signatures, and are confident that the bond issue election will be ordered, and that the advocates of good roads will prevail at the election.

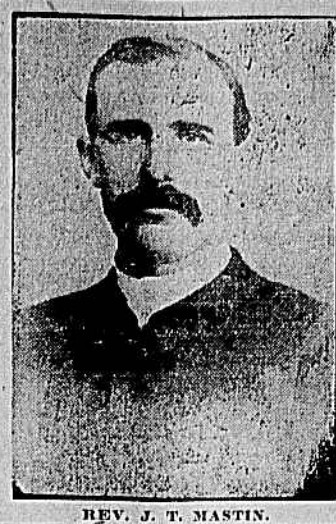
ELECT REV. J. T. MASTIN SECRETARY
OF STATE BOARD OF CHARTIESDark Horse Named on First
Ballot, Receiving Unani-
mous Vote.

Springing a surprise on the entire public, the State Board of Charities last night elected a darkhorse for secretary of the board, in the person of the Rev. Joseph T. Mastin, who is at present the superintendent of the Virginia Methodist Conference Orphanage. There were many other applicants for the position of secretary, but the action of the board is understood to have been unanimous.

James M. N. Allen was made assistant secretary. He is a member of the City Democratic Committee from Jefferson Ward and a former member of the Common Council.

The election of Mr. Mastin will no doubt be the source of some surprise, for it was understood up to the hour of the meeting that the leading candidates were Rev. J. Sidney Peters and former Sheriff Simon Solomon, of Henrico. It has been known for some weeks that Mr. Solomon could not win. The odds were against him, but no one outside the board had thought of Mr. Mastin. Mr. Peters was the man who had been boomed, and he could have had the office for the asking. He did not want it, and it is understood that he and his friends in and out of the board got behind Mr. Mastin and pushed him through.

Dr. George H. Denny, of Lexington, was made permanent president of the board, and he, with Mr. Mastin, will direct the affairs of the new department. The election held last night is



REV. J. T. MASTIN.

an example of how changes may come in politics.

At the recent session of the Legislature a bill was offered to create the position of prison inspector. It was really stated that its main object was to make a place for Mr. Solomon, who had lost out as sheriff of Henrico county. Perhaps this side of the question, Mr. Mastin will not be so much interested in the bill, but he is a man of high character, and his friends claimed that he had been so loyal to the administra-

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Seventeen Applicants.

The board did not act hastily. There were seventeen names presented for the first place and sixteen for the second.

It is believed that Mr. Mastin will accept it. It is known that Mr. Allen will. The new secretary is a little over fifty years of age, and has had a most enviable record in church work. He is a native of Spotsylvania county, and is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College. Before entering upon his present work as superintendent of the Virginia Methodist Conference Orphanage, Mr. Mastin held many important church positions in various portions of the State. He was at one time pastor of Trinity Church, in this city, and greatly endeared himself to the people of that congregation. The selection of Mr. Mastin is regarded as an admirable one, owing to his wide experience along humane lines, and his high character, and the fact that he is a man of high character, and his friends claimed that he had been so loyal to the administra-

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FIGURE OF WOMAN
TATTOOED ON ARMTwo Loving Hands Clapsed
Beneath It to Identify Harry
Driscoll.

Perfectly composed and with a disdainful air, Harry Driscoll was led from the county jail yesterday morning and taken to the State penitentiary, to enter upon a two-year sentence for baggage-stealing. Several persons, curious to see the notorious prisoner, had gathered in the sheriff's office, but to their eager scrutiny Driscoll paid no attention, making every movement and saying every word with an air of contemptuous dignity.

Guard J. R. Moss, of the penitentiary, went to the jail for Driscoll at 10 o'clock. When informed that the guard had come for him, without a word to any one he hurried up the few things he had in his cell, including some change, a razor and a pocket-knife, turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Gannett, requesting that he deliver them to Mrs. Driscoll, and was ready to say good-by.

The prisoner's measurements were taken by Sheriff Kemp and Deputy Gannett, showing him to be five feet, seven and three-quarters inches tall, weighing 150 pounds. He is thirty-eight years old, and has deep blue eyes and fair complexion. The most interesting discovery concerning the prisoner's body was the figure of a woman tattooed on his left arm. Just beneath the figure were two clasped hands.

Throughout the whole affair Driscoll had very little to say. He thanked the deputy sheriff for his treatment of him, and said good-by to a number of the prisoners who had huddled in the end of the corridor. With these ceremonies he climbed into the open wagon and took a seat beside the striped driver. The association seemed very becoming, though the prisoner accepted it with a dogged frown.

COMMISSIONS ISSUED

Governor Swanson Gives Approval to Various Military Officers.

Governor Swanson yesterday issued the following commissions to military officers: Benjamin R. Bunting, captain and commissary for the Seventy-first Regiment.

Thomas B. Bunting, first lieutenant, Company Light Infantry Blues.

Moses C. Ferebee, lieutenant, Battery B, First Artillery, retired.

Charles W. Watts, associate professor of descriptive geometry and engineering, Virginia Military Institute, with the rank of major.

George A. Brooks, lieutenant, Company L, Seventy-fourth Regiment, retired.

RICHMOND TRADE
UP TO OLD MARKChamber of Commerce Reports
Show Steady Gains in All
Branches.

With a view of ascertaining the status of business conditions in Richmond, the Chamber of Commerce sent out 440 inquiries two weeks ago. Results from inquiries made of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, including manufacturers, jobbers, retail merchants, insurance agencies, real estate, banks and brokers, are as follows:

The replies clearly indicate that business generally, especially among the manufacturers and jobbers, is greatly improving, which means that the other classes will soon improve thereby.

The inquiry covers the iron industries, some of them dependent almost entirely upon the railroad movement, and the moving of iron, which has been very inactive for quite a period. This condition cannot continue much longer.

The railroads, when the moving of iron begins, which promises much activity from all indications. The public can, therefore, expect in the near future improvement in the movement of iron, which will be largely by the railroad patronage. During the recent depression, it is gratifying to know, Richmond probably suffered less than Philadelphia, thinking that the latter city was the worst off in the country. By way of illustration of this our survey offered no resistance to commercial operation by denying against balance. Few cities can boast of like financial conditions.

Another remarkable condition revealed during the depression, Richmond's commercial failures were certainly not more than, if as many, as the other cities. This shows that many of the business people point with pride to the increase over the same period of last year.

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MAY GO TO 102;
MAY STOP AT 56Study August Weather for Past
Ten Years and Pick Grain
of Comfort.

Average Richmond weather for the month of August during the last ten years has just been compiled by Director Evans, of the weather bureau. While this is what has happened and what may be reasonably expected for the month just coming in, it is in no sense a forecast.

These are some of the most interesting facts in the report, which was given out yesterday, covering the last decade:

The mean or normal temperature was 75 degrees; the warmest month that of 1900, when the thermometer went on an average to 83 degrees. The highest temperature for a single day was 102 degrees, on August 11, 1900. The coldest month was that of 1902, with an average temperature of 70 degrees. The coldest single day was August 25, 1904, when the thermometer went as low as 56 degrees.

In the ten years the earliest date upon which the first killing frost fell was October 12th, while the average date upon which this event occurred was November 16th. The latest date upon which such frost occurred in the spring was April 23rd, with the average falling on April 20th.

The average precipitation was 4.46 inches. The greatest amount of precipitation, 8.68 inches, occurred in 1906, and the least, 3.10 inches, in 1902. The greatest amount of rainfall in any twenty-four hours was 2.95 inches, on August 10 and 11, 1908. The highest wind of the period blew at the rate of forty-two miles per hour, on August 7, 1905.

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HAGAMAN TO FILL
BURRUSS'S PLACECity School Board Elects Him
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Spellers—Shepp's Word Studies, Primer, Advanced, and Grammar—Emerson and Bendor's Modern English, Book L, Book II.

American Histories—Chandler's and Chittwood's Makers of American History, Lee's New School History of the United States.

Geographies—Fry's First Course in Geography, Fry's Higher Geography, Copy Books—Harrington's New Writing Books.

Drawing—Art Education Drawing Book, Course in Drawing, Book I, Book II.

Music—The Modern Music Series, Primer of Vocal Music, A First Book of Vocal Music, A Second Book of Vocal Music, A Third Book of Vocal Music.

Music Copy Books—Bell's Music Copy Books, Book L, Book II.

Spelling—Blanks—Thomas's Spelling Book, Book I, Book II.

Dictionaries—Webster's Common School.

TO INVITE SPINNERS

Delegation Leaves To-day to Secure Convention for Next Year.

Representatives from the city to the meeting of the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association will leave here to-day at noon. Their purpose is to induce the spinners to name Richmond as the place for their next annual convention.

Those representing the city are Business Manager, Dawley (colored), in the city, and Mr. R. S. Tuck, of the Business Men's Club. The Retail Merchants' Association, which has been a representative had not named its man yesterday, but may do so to-day before the party leaves.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Boards Claim That Lewis Got Ring and Pair of Shoes.

Thomas W. Dillard (colored), who posed as a butler in a West Grace Street boarding-house, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant McMahon on the charge of robbery.

One was the theft of a ring, the property of W. C. Martin; the other a pair of shoes from W. D. Rice. Lewis also acknowledged that he had taken money from another boarder, who left some time ago. Sergeant McMahon had warrants issued for the man on the first two charges, and on account of the absence of the victim of the third robbery, dropped that charge.

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